

Listing of Claims:

1 - 26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A modular base for an industrial machine having various types of fixturing and tooling configured to perform a specific manufacturing operation, comprising:

a mounting table adaptable to support the industrial machine, said mounting table fabricated from hardened steel and having a substantially plate-like configuration;

a plurality of apertures extending through said mounting table, each said aperture configured to receive a fastener adaptable to releasably secure the industrial machine to said mounting table;

a plurality of telescopically adjustable legs each connected to said mounting table;

a plurality of mounting plates connected to said telescopically adjustable legs and configured to be releasably secured to a foundation, wherein said telescopically adjustable legs are configured to adjust the spacing between said mounting plates and the mounting table; and

a control panel configured to be in electronic communication with the industrial machine to cause the industrial machine to perform the specific manufacturing operation.

28. (New) The modular base stated in claim 27, further comprising:

a plurality of electric drives, each said electric drive connected to a respective telescopically adjustable leg of said plurality of telescopically adjustable legs, wherein each electric drive of the plurality of electric drives is independently operable to provide an independent height adjustment of each telescopically adjustable leg to adjustably

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position said mounting table at a desired height.

29. (New) The modular base stated in claim 27, further comprising:

a pair of vertical supports connected to the mounting table;

a pair of horizontal supports connected to the vertical supports and extending over the mounting table;

a cross-member extending between the horizontal supports; and

a light fixture connected to and extending between said horizontal supports and adaptable to cast light onto the industrial machine.

30. (New) The modular base stated in claim 27, further comprising:

a pneumatic controller coupled to said mounting table and adaptable to communicate with the industrial machine.

31. (New) The modular base stated in claim 28, further comprising

a plurality of rollers connected to said plurality of telescopically adjustable legs for rollably moving said mounting table to a desired location, wherein adjustment of said plurality of telescopically adjustable legs is operable to selectively engage and disengage said plurality of rollers with said foundation.

32. (New) A modular base for an industrial machine having various types of fixturing and tooling configured to perform a specific manufacturing operation, comprising:

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a mounting table adaptable to support the industrial machine, said mounting table fabricated from hardened steel and having a substantially plate-like configuration;

a plurality of apertures extending through said mounting table, each said aperture configured to receive a fastener adaptable to releasably secure the industrial machine to said mounting table;

a plurality of telescopically adjustable legs each connected to said mounting table, each said telescopically adjustable leg having a first support with a roller connected thereto, and a second support having an independently operable electric drive configured to independently adjust the height of each leg, and to selectively engage and disengage said roller with a foundation; and

a plurality of mounting plates connected to said telescopically adjustable legs and configured to be releasably secured to said foundation, wherein said telescopically adjustable legs are configured to adjust the spacing between said mounting plates and the mounting table.

33. (New) The modular base stated in claim 32, wherein said mounting table further comprises:

a substantially horizontal U-shaped plate , wherein an open end of said U-shaped plate is accessible to a user.

34. (New) The modular base stated in claim 32, further comprising:

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a pair of vertical supports connected to the mounting table;

a pair of horizontal supports connected to the vertical supports and extending over the mounting table;

a cross-member extending between the horizontal supports; and

a light fixture connected to and extending between said horizontal supports and adaptable to cast light onto the industrial machine.

35. (New) The modular base stated in claim 32, further comprising:

a programmable controller coupled to said mounting table, in electrical communication with the industrial machine, and configured to provide programming capability to the industrial machine.

36. (New) The modular base stated in claim 35, further comprising:

a control panel coupled to said mounting table, in electrical communication with said programmable controller, and configured to cause the industrial machine to perform the specific manufacturing operation.

37. (New) The modular base stated in claim 32, further comprising:

a pneumatic controller coupled to said mounting table and adaptable to communicate with the industrial machine.

38. (New) The modular base stated in claim 32, wherein said rollers are vertically adjustable

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with respect to said second supports and adjustment of said rollers and telescopic adjustment of said telescopically adjustable legs occur along parallel axes.

39. (New) The modular base stated in claim 32, wherein said first and second supports are substantially vertical.

40. (New) A modular base for an automotive stuffer fixture or closure fixture configured to perform a specific manufacturing operation, comprising:

- a mounting table adaptable to support the industrial machine, said mounting table fabricated from hardened steel and having a substantially plate-like configuration;

- a plurality of apertures extending through said mounting table, each said aperture configured to receive a fastener adaptable to releasably secure the fixture to said mounting table;

- a plurality of telescopically adjustable legs each connected to said mounting table, each said telescopically adjustable leg having a first support with a roller connected thereto and a second support having an independently operable electric drive configured to independently adjust the height of each leg, and to selectively engage and disengage said roller with a foundation;

- a plurality of mounting plates connected to said telescopically adjustable legs and configured to be releasably secured to said foundation, wherein said telescopically adjustable legs are configured to adjust the spacing between said mounting plates and the mounting table;

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a programmable controller coupled to said mounting table, in electrical communication with the fixture, and configured to provide programming capability to the fixture; and

a control panel coupled to said mounting table, in communication with said programmable controller, and configured to cause the fixture to perform the specific manufacturing operation.

41. (New) The modular base stated in claim 40, further comprising:

a pair of vertical supports connected to the mounting table;

a pair of horizontal supports connected to the vertical supports and extending over the mounting table;

a cross-member extending between the horizontal supports; and

a light fixture connected to and extending between said horizontal supports and adaptable to cast light onto the fixture .

42. (New) The modular base stated in claim 40, further comprising:

a pneumatic controller coupled to said mounting table and adaptable to communicate with the fixture.

43. (New) The modular base stated in claim 40, wherein said first and second supports are substantially vertical and adjustment of the rollers and telescopic adjustment of the telescopically adjustable legs occur along vertical axes.

44. (New) The modular base stated in claim 40, further comprising:

a plurality of apertures formed on each first support; and

a plurality of L-shaped brackets each connected to a respective roller, wherein each L-shaped bracket is configured to engage the apertures formed on a respective first support to adjust the vertical position of each roller with respect to the respective first support.

45. (New) A method for providing a modular base for an industrial machine having various types of fixturing and tooling configured to perform a specific manufacturing operation, comprising:

placing the industrial machine on a mounting table fabricated from hardened steel and having a substantially plate-like configuration;

fastening the industrial machine to the mounting table by providing a plurality of fasteners that extend through a plurality of apertures formed through the mounting table and that engage the industrial machine;

adjusting the vertical position of the mounting table with a plurality of telescopically adjustable legs each connected to the mounting table; and

connecting a control panel in electronic communication with the industrial machine to cause the industrial machine to perform the specific manufacturing operation.

46. (New) The method stated in claim 45, further comprising:

securing the telescopically adjustable legs to a foundation with a plurality of

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mounting plates and a plurality of fasteners.